MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): With regard to the answer to parts (ii) and (iii), may I know whether the Government have noted that the quantity of liquor consumed is on the increase for the last five years?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is not on the increase. It is fluctuating.

MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Is not the quantity consumed increasing?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Sometimes it will be increasing, sometimes it will be decreasing.

MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to insist on the reduction in the quantity of the consumption of liquor simultaneously with the reduction in the number of shops?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That will be considered.

Report of the Excise Committee.

121. MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the date on which the Excise Committee submitted its report to the Government and the reason why final orders on the report are still delayed?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Excise Committee submitted its report in November 1924.

The member is referred to the answer to question No. 122 asked by Mr. G. Narayana Pillai.

Lease of Lands for mining Monazite.

122. MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they propose to grant or have already granted any new lease for the mining of monazite in any part of Travancore, and, if so, to whom; and

(*b*) the area covered by the lease and the conditions subject to which the lease is granted or proposed to be granted?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

The Newspapers Regulation.

123. MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any prosecutions have hitherto been made under the Newspapers Regulation?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

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